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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract. A marked-up version of the Abstract, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

-- A method of transcoding a digital signal encoded according to a first encoding mode into a digital signal encoded according to a second encoding mode, the second encoding mode comprising a bit rate-distortion allocation of the encoded digital signal. The method comprises the steps of obtaining at least a first parameter of encoding the signal according to the first mode, obtaining at least a second parameter from an at least partial encoding of the signal according to the second mode, and selecting a bit rate-